

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 22, which are independent, have been amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 42-43. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein the editing device matches a phase of the second base band signal with stored codec information corresponding to cue information...” (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto (hereinafter, merely “Yamamoto”), as applied by the Examiner, do not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Yamamoto fails to teach or

suggest the editing device matches a phase of the second base band signal with stored codec information corresponding to cue information, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

Amended independent claims 8, 15, 16 and 19 recite similar features and are believed patentable for similar reasons.

Claims 2-7, 9-14, 17, and 20 are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 18 and 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto.

Independent claim 22, as amended, recites similar features as discussed above in relation to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 22 is patentable for similar reasons.

Claims 23-27 are dependent from independent claim 22 discussed above, claims 18 and 21 are respectively dependent from independent claims 16 and 19 and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner

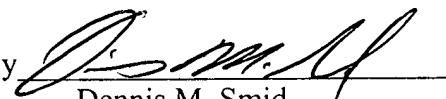
specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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